

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER**

**PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO AS 38.05.945**

**PROPOSED STATE LAND OFFERINGS AS 38.05.035(e)  
Bottley Creek Remote Odd Lot**

**PROPOSED MINERAL CLOSING ORDER  
AS 38.05.185**

**PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE AREA PLAN  
AS 38.04.065(b)**

Subject to AS 38.05, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (Division) proposes to survey and offer for sale State land, referred to as the Bottley Creek Odd Lot, through a public, sealed bid auction. The Division proposes to close the project area, totaling 5 acres more or less, to mineral entry to prevent potential conflicts between surface and subsurface use. The Division also proposes to request a Special Exception to the Copper River Basin Area Plan to allow for the conveyance of the parcel. Prior to adoption of the Area Plan, a portion of the targeted parcel was leased to the public under a previous land offering program as a private lot, ADL 214703, but was subsequently returned to the State through default. Based upon the size, location, and history of the parcel, the current proposal will maintain the intent of the Area Plan. The minimum bid for the parcel will be set at the appraised fair market value. Bidders will be required to provide a deposit of no less than 5% of their bid amount. The state will refund the deposit to unsuccessful bidders. The Division does not intend to impose deed restrictions to control post-patent use. Restrictions regarding land use will be handled by the local zoning authority, if any.

The Bottley Creek Odd Lot project is located approximately five miles south of the Glenn Highway in vicinity between the Little Nelchina State Recreation Site (MP 137.6) and the Mendeltna Creek Bridge (MP 152.7). Bottley Creek serves as the east parcel boundary. Twin Lakes are to the west approximately two miles. The Nelchina River runs to the north of the lot. This is a single lot to be sold to the public in a future land sale auction. Minimum purchase price is established at the appraised fair market value for the parcel. See the Preliminary Finding and Decision for full legal description and map of project area.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945, public notice of this action will be conducted. The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Copies of the preliminary decision are available at the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 640, Anchorage, AK 99501-3576. Copies are also available at the department's Public Information Offices in Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage or at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/landsale/>. Comments must be received in writing by the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, Attention: Jennifer Smith, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 640, Anchorage, AK 99501-3576 on or before **5:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2005** in order to ensure consideration. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [jennifer\\_smith@dnr.state.ak.us](mailto:jennifer_smith@dnr.state.ak.us) or by fax at (907) 269-8916.

All written responses will be considered. Only persons who comment in writing during the comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the final finding and decision.

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes in the above decision, additional public notice for the affected decision will be given on or about the middle of January, 2006. The State reserves the right to withdraw a parcel from consideration at any time. Withdrawing a parcel will not be considered a significant change requiring public notice. If no significant change is required, the Preliminary Finding and Decision, including any minor changes and a summary of comments and responses, will be issued as the Final Finding and Decision of the Department of Natural Resources, without further notice. The final decision will set out the applicable process for appealing the decision under AS 38.05.035 (i)-(m). A copy of the final decision will also be available at the address above and will be sent to any person who comments on the preliminary decision. If you have any questions concerning this proposed action, please contact Jennifer Smith at (907) 269-8591. Individuals with audio impairments may call the department's Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (907) 269-8400, or email: [pic@dnr.state.ak.us](mailto:pic@dnr.state.ak.us) or TDD# (907) 269-8411.

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Holly Hill, Section Manager, Land Sales and Contract Administration  
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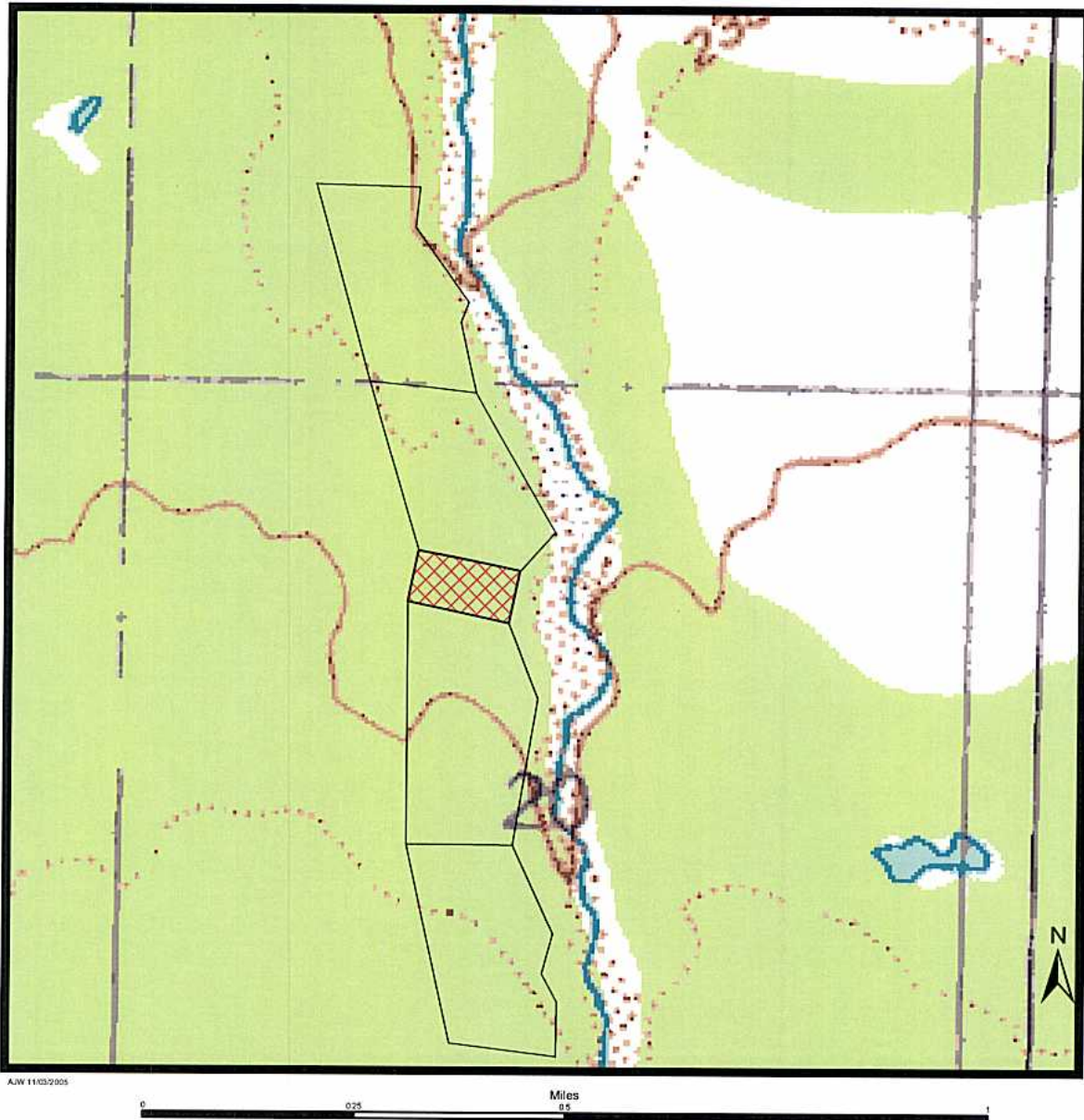
# Attachment A



Southcentral Region

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SALES PROJECT



Land within Sec. 20, Township 2 North, Range 8 West, Copper River Meridian



-  Proposed Lot
-  Existing Private Parcels

USGS QUAD 1:63,360  
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